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In re Patent No. 6,305,703 :  
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Application No. 09/475,173 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed February 22, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired at midnight on October 23, 2009 for failure to pay the seven and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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